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G.O. No. 2585 L+M

DATED 18-9-1924.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Board - Non residence of President, Union Board - Harpanahalli

Advice declined.

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Requesting orders for action with regard to the Union Board President Harapanahalli for his con--tinuous non-residence within his jurusdiction.

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C. B. No. 964/24

Station Bellary, Dated the 1-9-24 ...192 .

From

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M. R, Ry. ~~Rao~~ Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliar Avl.
B. A., B. L.,
President District Board, Bellary.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local Self Government Department,
FORT SAINT GEORGE. MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the following facts for such action as you may deem fit.

2. M.R.Ry Govinda Rao an elected President of the Union Board Harapanahalli has been residing in a hamlet which according to the Tahsildar's report is 3 miles 3 furlongs beyond the Union limits. The affairs of the Union are much neglected. This was my experience and also of the District Collector. I advised the Union President to change his residence but I have not received any reply from him. He has not however changed his residence till now.

Extracts from the correspondence that passed between him and this Office on the subject are enclosed for perusal and necessary action. My last letter of 22-7-24 was acknowledged by him On 29-7-24 ,but no reply has, as yet been received.

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3. In the above circumstances I request the favour of your orders for further action in the matter.

I have tne honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
M Gopalaswamy
President.

A.H.R.1-9-24

Copy of letter No. Nil dated 28-4-24 from the Distrcit Health Officer, Bellary to the President, District Board, Bellary.

The Health Inspector, Harapanahalli writes to me to say that all his efforts to influence the Union Board President there to organise a proper preventive work to combat cholera which is gradually spreading in the Union, were of no use. It is under-stood that not a single Union servant is attending to the cholera work. Perhaps the Union authorities are under the impression that the cholera work has to be looked after by the Health staff and Health staff alone and that they have no concern in the matter. This state of affairs is certainly deplorable and especially at a time when the epidemic is spreading fast. I have the honor to request you to be so good as to influence the Union authori-ties to entertain the marginally noted temporary preventive staff. The matter deserves immediate consideration.

(1) One temporary maistry to detect and carry out the disinfection work and also to purify wells.

(2) One scavenger to attend to the proper disposal of discharges of cholera patients.

(3) One sweeper to attend to the proper cleaning of infected localities.

Copy of letter No. 964 dated 14-5-24 from the President, District Board Bellary to the President, Union Board, Harapanahalli.

The District Health Officer, Bellary has brought to my notice that the Union Board authorities are not co-operating in combating cholera which is gradually spreading at Harapanahalli. He wants the following establishment to be entertained temporarily and placed at the disposal of the Health Inspector Harapanahalli.

1. One temporary maistry to detect and carry out the disinfection work and also to purify wells.

2. One scavenger to attend to the proper disposal of discharges of cholera patients.

3. One sweeper to attend to the proper cleaning of infected localities.

I have therefore the honor to request that you will entertain the above establishment temporarily as long as it is required or spare the number from the existing Sanitary staff of your Union Board

If however it is considered not possible to comply with the request action ~~xx~~ under section 42 of the Local Boards Act 1920 will be resorted to . As the matter is very urgent, action ~~x~~ should be taken immediately and the fact reported by return post. As I informed you personally it is highly objectionable that you should be living outside the jurisdiction without delegating your powers. I discussed with you the whole situation and advised you strongly either at once to go and live in Harapanahalli or delegate your powers. The Collector who was camping at your place had not the privilege of meeting you and he brought this to my notice . I would like to know what action you have taken with regard to my suggestions. I want your reply by return post.

Copy of letter No. R.C. 30 dated 18-5-24 from the President, Union Board Harapanahalli to the President, District Board, Bellary.

With reference to your No. 964/24 dated 14-5-24, I have the honor to state that it is mere fallacy to say that the Union authorities are not cooperating to combat the cholera ~~xxxxxxxx~~ which has spread in this jurisdiction . Naturally no one can be more earnest to put down cholera than the union authorities as it is directly concerns them and their relatives and friends wellfare.

The report of the District Health Officer seems to have been based on the report of the Health Inspector.

I have also received similar reports from him and they are quite in keeping with the method of some officials, who take more interest to make a great show of work by means of written reports than by doing actual work. The Health Inspector was long ago given an interview in my office and was given to understand that a sweeper and a scavenger will be spared for work and in his presence my clerk also was directed to send these men to work under the instructions of this Health Inspector.

The Health Inspector keeps himself on circuit for nearly 25 days in a month and during an occasional stay~~xx~~ at Harapanahalli

Harapanahalli he devotes only a few minutes for this work. Such sort of work is practically ~~xxxxxx~~ of no use at all.

It is not the duty of the Union Board to attend to the patients and clean their discharges in their private houses. It is hope-less to think of making such an arrangement under the present financial condition of the Board. Street sweeping will be attend-ed to and has ever since been attended to.

The Health Inspector has been given a peon under him. His services may be utilised to hancanise a few wells only about a half a dozen public wells. This work is not daily done. The detection of cases of cholera attacks is only a nominal one. This can be done without any body's help as this is only a small town and rumours of attacks are rapidly heard without any effort.

If the Health Inspector takes the trouble to go on duty in any part of the town he will necessarily get the information.

Disinfection of houses is never done . It is only quite a nominal one. Mere shrinking of some lotion here and there is supposed to be disinfection. This work can very well be done with the assistance of the inmates of the house or of the peon which the Health Inspector has with him. If he has ~~xx~~ a will to work there is every way for it. The Union Board is ~~xxx~~ most earnest to give every help to those who really want to work.

All that the Health Inspector wants is to take advantage of the out break of cholera and add to his dignity and private comforts by having a few more servants under his executive control.

This Board is not prepared to satisfy him that way . If he works in ~~correct~~ concert with the Union Board or under its supervision the whole conservancy staff and even more will be placed under him for service but not exclusively at his disposal as he desires.

Since the time you directed the Health Inspector to remain Head quarters and attend to cholera duty he is working at Hara-panahalli and men have also been given under him for service.

Copy of proceedings C.R.No. 964 dated 21-5-24 of the President District Board, Bellary.

Read letter No. nil dated 28-4-24 from the District Health Officer, Bellary reporting that all efforts to influence the President, Union Board Harapanahalli to arrange a proper preventive work to combat cholera in Harapanahalli Union which is gradually spreading are of no use and xx requesting to influence the Union authorities to entertain the temporary staff immediately.

ii. This Office letter No. 964 dated 14-5-24 to the President, Union Board Harapanahalli.

iii. Reply Ref C. 30 dated 18-5-24 from the President, Union Board Harapanahalli stating that the services of the Harapanahalli ~~xxxxx~~ Health Inspector's peon may be utilised by him to hancanise half a dozen Public wells and that the Health Inspector taking advantage of the outbreak of cholera wants to add to his dignity and private comforts by having a few more Union servants under his control and consequently his Board is not prepared to satisfy him in that way and also stating that he has since given men for service under the Health Inspector.

O R D E R.

This report is most unsatisfactory. The President Union Board has been casting uninvited aspersions on the Health Inspector, From ~~the~~ my personal Inspection I know he is doing good work. As he has the whole Taluk to attend to unlike Union Board President he cannot always remain at Head quarters. It is mote than enough he has done by stopping at Head quarters and combat the epidemic, unless the Union President who is absent from Head quarters and has not moved his little finger to do anything towards the putting down of the epidemic.

Copy of letter C.R.No. 964/24 dated 4-6-24 from the President, District Board, Bellary to M.R.Ry.M.Govinda Rao Garu, President, Union Board, Harapanahalli.

Ref:- Admonistration of the Harapanahalli Union Board.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the correspondence ending with my C.R. No. 964 dated 21-5-24, and referring to a

a letter of the same number dated 14-5-24 to state as follows:-

2. In a major Union like Harapanahalli wnere the local needs require prompt attention, the present state of its sanitation discloses a state of affairs which brings litte credit to the Administration, though in fact there is ample scope for improvement. This in brief in my sad experience which I learnt during my recent visit to Harapanahalli in course of the second week of May 1924. I quote below from the observations rendered in the Visitor's book of the local L.F.Dispensary by Collector during his Jamabandi camp last month. These remarks were communicated to you in full with this Office Ref:- C.No. 1035 dated 19-5-24.

".....They(,people of Harapanahalli) have no water in the place fit to drink. and the local board and the Union are not enough interested to secure a protected supply . Guinea worm is a local cause which could easily be prevented but no one cares. The Union which is a large one is abominably filthy, and the people seem to enjoy their dirt and their disease. It is perhaps a pity to deprive them or try to deprive them of their pleasures."

3. I very much liked to have discussed with you at length many topics of local importance conducive to the welfare of the people for whose benefit the Union Board has been constituted, but in spite of a previous intimation of my tour programme I was not afforded sufficient opportunity for doing as I desired at the time of my visit. The District Collector also, I hear, met with the same experience. . The chief reason for our disappointment is that you are residing for from and beyond the Union Board's Jurisdiction. It is there--fore no wonder to me that the affairs of the Union Board are left to itself without the control of the Executive head. That is why I thought it wise to advise you both in person and in writing (vide my letter of 14-5-24) to shift your residence to the town itself.

4. As however my reference has apparently taken no effect, and as in view of statutory provision under Section 56 (1) (g) you shall cause to hold Office ,,please show cause within two days after receipt of this letter why the Union Board Harapanahalli may not be called on to arrange to elect some one else in your place

place.

This reference should be treated as specially urgent Failing receipt of a reply in this Office at least by the 10th instant I shall take further action in the matter considering that you have no explanation to offer.

Copy of letter C.No. 964 dated 22-7-24 from the President, District Board, Bellary to the M.R.Ry.M.Govinda Rao Garu, Govinahalli Harapanahalli Post.

I have the honor to invite your attention to para 4 of my letter No. 964 dated 4-6-24 and to request you to be so good as to furnish at once your reply to the letter in general and para 4 of it in particular as it is required for submission to Government.

2. In as much as no action was taken with reference to the objection about your residence beyond your jurisdiction personally brought by me to your notice and in my letter dated 14-5-24 you have ipso facto ceased to hold the office of the President, Union Board Harapanahalli as pointed out in my letter of 4-6-24 under Section 56 (1) (g) of the Local Boards Act.

3. Please let me have a reply by 30-7-24 the latest.

Copy of letter No. 964 dated 22-7-24 from the President, District Board Bellary to the Tahsildar of Harapanahalli.

I have to request you to be so good as to inform me what the recognised distance is from Harapanahalli to the village Govinahalli.

Copy of letter G.C.No. 620 dated 25-8-24 from the Tahsildar of Harapanahalli to the President, District Board, Bellary.

Hrapanahalli Union- Distance to Govinahalli-information furnished- Your Ref: C.R.No. 964 dated 22-7-24.

The distance from Harapanahalli to Govinahalli is over three miles and three furlongs. This is exclusive of Harapana-

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Harapanahalli Union limits.

(True Extracts)

President.

A.H.R.

3-9-24

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L. S. 9 (Lsm) DEPARTMENT.

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C. No 2485 7., From the P. D. B. Bellary CR, No. 964/24 dated 1.9. 1924.

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ORDER.

No. 2585 dated 18. 9 1924

The question whether ~~the P.B.~~ the President of the Harpanahalli Union Board is disqualified under clause (c) of sub-sec (1) of sec 56 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, is one for decision by the District Judge under Sec 57 of the Act and the Government cannot advise the President of the Bellary Dt. Boards in the matter.

To The P. D. B. Bellary (Thro)

Note - In the case of the Ramnad Dt Board the A.G. held that persons living in Madu

will not be disqualified if they reside
there all along and do not change
their residence after they are appointed.
The A.G. laid stress on the word "cease"
in "cease to reside" - No advice need therefore
given in this case

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